UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Selection of a Full-Time United States Magistrate Judge, Central and Northern Divisions ORDER APPOINTING MERIT SLECTION PANEL 20-10

A Merit Selection Panel is appointed to assist the United States District Court Judges in their selection of a new full-time magistrate judge for the Central and Northern Divisions. The panel will review the applications received for the magistrate judge position and will evaluate the applicants.

By December 18, 2020, the panel will report to the court the names of up to five persons it deems most qualified among the applicants. The report may contain written reasons substantiating the panel's decision. All information received by the panel on all applicants as a result of this process should be included as part of part of the record submitted to the court. All information made available to the members of the panel in the performance of their duties, including the names of the applicants and the identities of individuals recommended by the panel, must be kept in strict confidence by the panel and the court.

The court appoints the following members of the Merit Selection Panel:

David Lawrence, Non-attorney
Marshall Lovrien, Attorney
Tim Maher, Attorney
Jana Miner, Attorney
Reed Rasmussen, Attorney
Lindsey Riter-Rapp, Attorney
Linda Sack, Non-attorney
Randy Seiler, Attorney and Chair

The effective date of the panel's appointment is October 21, 2020.

Dated this _215 day of October 2020.

BY THE COURT:

ROBERTO A. LANGE, CHIEF JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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